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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 June 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 13-38 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 17,23,30 and 36 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 13-16,18-22,24-29,31-35,37 and 38 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 17, 23, 30 and 36 are cancelled.

Claims 13-16, 18-22, 24-29, 31-35 and 37-38 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 13-15, 19-21, 25-28, 32-34 and 38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Witehira, US-6906762.

3. In regards to claim 20 and associated method claim 13, Witehira discloses a first display screen (Fig. 1, 1) for displaying an image (Fig. 1, 5), and a second display screen (Fig. 1, 3) for adjusting a transmissivity of a region of said second display screen to implement an image characteristic associated with a presentation of said image (Fig. 1, 6), wherein said first and second display screens overlap (Fig. 1), wherein said region comprises a portion of said second display screen and corresponds to said image displayed on said first display screen (Fig. 1, 6).

4. In regards to claim 21 and associated method claim 14, Witehira discloses said image characteristic is selected from a group consisting of a brightness, a contrast, a color, a hue, a color temperature, and a gamma response (Fig. 1, 6 is represented by colors).

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5. In regards to method claim 15, Witehira discloses displaying said image on said first display screen (Fig. 1, 5), and adjusting said second display screen in accordance with said transmissivity to present said image with said image characteristic (Fig. 1).

6. In regards to claim 25 and associated method claim 19, Witehira discloses said first and second display screens comprise liquid crystal displays (Col. 2, 13-19).

7. In regards to claim 33 and associated method claim 26, Witehira discloses a first display screen (Fig. 1, 1) for displaying an image (Fig. 1, 5), and a non-display screen (Fig. 1, 3) for adjusting a transmissivity of a region of said second display screen to implement an image characteristic associated with a presentation of said image (Fig. 1, 6), wherein said first and second display screens overlap (Fig. 1), wherein said region comprises a portion of said second display screen and corresponds to said image displayed on said first display screen (Fig. 1, 6).

8. In regards to claim 34 and associated method claim 27, Witehira discloses said image characteristic is selected from a group consisting of a brightness, a contrast, a color, a hue, a color temperature, and a gamma response (Fig. 1, 6 is represented by colors).

9. In regards to method claim 28, Witehira discloses displaying said image on said first display screen (Fig. 1, 5), and adjusting said second display screen in accordance with said transmissivity to present said image with said image characteristic (Fig. 1).

10. In regards to claim 38 and associated method claim 32, Witehira discloses said first and second display screens comprise liquid crystal displays (Col. 2, 13-19).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

11. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

12. Claims 16, 22, 29, and 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Witehira, US-6906762.

13. In regards to claims 22 and 35 and associated method claims 16 and 29, Witehira disclose said second display screen is further operable to adjust a transmissivity of a second region of said second display screen to implement a second image characteristic (Fig. 8 shows the second display having a front of the car shown in a new location) associated with a presentation of a second image (Fig. 8 mountains), wherein said second region comprises a portion of said second display screen and corresponds to said second image displayed on said first display screen (Fig. 8 front of car on screen 3 against mountains on screen 1), wherein said image characteristic and said second image characteristic are different (the front of the car as opposed to a full car).

Witehira does not expressly disclose said image characteristic and said second image characteristic are operable to be simultaneously implemented.

However, at the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art that the invention of Witehira could simultaneously implement two cars or any other images on the foreground screen.

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14. Claims 18, 24, 31, and 37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Witehira, US-6906762 in view of Clifton, US- 6388648.

15. In regards to claims 24 and 37 and associated method claims 18 and 31, Witehari does not disclose expressly said second display screen is operable to adjust contrast of said image within said region while substantially maintaining net brightness of graphical objects presented by said first and second display screens.

Clifton discloses an lcd projection unit that maintains overall luminance for a multiple display system (Col. 7, 18-29).

At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to use the projection system of Clifton in conjunction with the display system of Witehari.

The motivation for doing so would have been to maintain uniform luminance through the 2 displays (Col. 7, 18-29).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to combine Clifton with Witehari to obtain the invention as specified in claims 18, 24, 31, and 37.

Response to Arguments

16. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 13-16, 18-22, 24-29, 31-35 and 37-38 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection as presented above.

Conclusion

17. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CORY A. ALMEIDA whose telephone number is (571) 270-3143. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8AM to 4PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Alexander Eisen can be reached on 571-272-7687. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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